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The Official Office Action mailed 07-02-2002 required a restriction under 35 USC 121, to either:

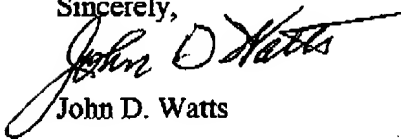
I. A Method Patent per claims 1-3, 6-13 and 20-21 in class 29; or a

II. Product patent per claims 4-5, 14-19 in class 285/334.

Applicant hereby elects Claim Group I, the Method Patent.

Applicant respectfully requests the examiner to examine the application and pass remaining Claims 1-3, 6-13 and 20-21 to issue at an early date.

Sincerely,



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